

MAKE YOUR SUMMER LAST A LIFETIME

Join The Fresh Air Fund team at one of our overnight camps in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley

IT IS MORE THAN A JOB

It is an opportunity to make an impact. Help our campers:



DEVELOP INNER STRENGTH



BUILD RELATIONSHIPS & SUPPORT NETWORKS



TAKE ON CHALLENGES & LEARN LIFE SKILLS



EXPAND PERSPECTIVES & SET GOALS



Transforming Lives. One Summer at a Time.

Since its founding in 1877, The Fresh Air Fund, a not-for-profit youth development organization, has provided free life-changing summer experiences in the outdoors to more than 1.8 million children from New York City's underserved communities. At sleepaway camps in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley, visiting volunteer host families along the East Coast, and in NYC-based programs, children learn new skills, have fun and gain new perspectives. Fresh Air children also participate in year-round leadership, career exploration and educational programs.

Learn more at:

FreshAir.org/Work-at-Camp

the *Fresh Air* fund
because a summer can last a lifetime™



Pictured: Our Fresh Air camp staff alums

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Fresh Air Fund staff are a group of diverse, motivated, mature and dedicated individuals who share a passion for working with children. Our staff come from different states, countries, colleges and backgrounds to have a fun, challenging summer and give our campers the experience of a lifetime.

GENERAL COUNSELORS

General Counselors supervise and live alongside campers, providing 24-hour-a-day leadership and guidance.

PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

Program Specialists teach enriching activities such as art, photography, music, recreation, drama, dance, fashion, science and technology, outdoor adventure, creative writing and more!

LEADERSHIP STAFF

Administrative and Leadership Staff lead the overall management, culture, programming, and supervision of camp. Positions include: Village Leaders, Program Directors, Counselor-in-Training Directors, Assistant Directors and Office Managers.

WATERFRONT STAFF

Lifeguards supervise all waterfront activities including swimming and boating. Applicants do not need to be certified lifeguards to apply but must be strong swimmers. Free Red Cross certification is provided.

CAMP NURSES

Nursing Staff are responsible for all health-related care of campers and staff, including administering medication, assessing medical needs and providing emergency care as needed.

ROPES COURSE STAFF

Ropes Course Staff facilitate Teams Course games and activities and belay on the High Ropes Course.

FARM STAFF & NUTRITIONISTS

Farm and Nutrition Staff engage campers in exciting programs on animal care, composting, farm-to-table cooking and gardening.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 by the start of camp.
- At least one year of college is preferred. A high school diploma is required.
- Experience working with children.
- Interest in working and living in the outdoors for the summer.
- **ALL PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED.** An application will not move forward without proof of full vaccination.

**Visit FreshAir.org/Work-at-Camp
for detailed job descriptions and position requirements**

WORKING AT CAMP

Working at camp is a challenging and rewarding experience. Our staff gain essential career skills that are transferrable to any future career path. Staff work together to ensure our campers will have a summer that can last a lifetime!



The Fresh Air Fund is committed to equipping you with skills and tools you'll need to be successful at camp and beyond. All staff will attend a rigorous, hands-on orientation before campers arrive. You will be trained in the foundations of youth development practices, leadership, diversity, equity and inclusion. Coaching and training is ongoing throughout the summer.



All staff are required to live at camp during the summer. Most staff live in cabins with a group of children. Some supervisory staff live in staff-only housing. Facilities are rustic and in a beautiful wooded environment. Most cabins do not have electricity and have bathrooms that are located a short walk away.



Camp staff live and work with campers on a 24/7 basis and will not have access to cell phones, computers and social media throughout the day. Staff may check their phones or use computer labs during their time off but not while they are on-duty.



Staff members receive a compensation package that includes a salary as well as housing, food and transportation to and from New York City. Travel stipends are available for staff traveling 300 miles or more to camp.



The Fresh Air Fund will assist students who wish to earn college credits for their work at camp. Past examples include internships in social work, education, recreation, computer science and art.



Time off schedules will vary by a staff member's specific position and camp and will be determined at the start of each session. Staff can expect to have time off for at least one 24 hour period and an evening within each encampment as well some days off in between each camp session.



WHAT YOU'LL GAIN FROM A FRESH AIR SUMMER

- Make lifelong friends from around the world
- Develop career skills
- Have a direct impact on our campers
- Become a role model and mentor to NYC children

OUR CAMPS

Our camps are located on two separate properties in upstate New York.

SHARPE RESERVATION

CAMP ANITA BLISS COLER (ABC)

Girls, ages 8-15.

CAMP HAYDEN-MARKS

Boys, ages 8-15.

CAMP MARIAH (CAREER AWARENESS CAMP)

Co-ed, 7th-9th graders.

HARRIMAN STATE PARK

CAMP JUNIOR

Co-ed, ages 8-15 years, from the Bronx.



READY TO APPLY?



- Visit www.FreshAir.org/camp and click 'Apply Now'
- Be sure to share any specialized skills on your application
- We hire on a rolling basis and encourage early applications!
- Questions? Contact the Camping Department at camping@freshair.org or 212-897-8977

"My campers are the best teachers. They've taught me patience, strength and resilience. They give me a new perspective on growth that inspires me to never stop learning and growing."

- Shanel, Fresh Air Alum and Drama Instructor

"Working at camp helped me understand that I am passionate about helping others succeed."

- Emikhe, Camp ABC Staff and Fresh Air Alum



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